
FEBRUARY 26, 1806.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

A Bill,

Prescribing the effect, in each state, of the records of judgments and decrees of the courts of record of every other state.



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*
3 in any action at law or suit in chancery, in a court of any state, on
4 a judgment or decree of a court of record of any other state, or in
5 which such judgment or decree is given in evidence, the record of
6 the said judgment or decree, exemplified and proved in the manner
7 prescribed in the act, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode in
8 which the public acts, records and judicial proceedings, in each
9 state, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other
10 state," shall be *conclusive* evidence of the debt or right therein ad-
11 judged or decreed, against any party thereto, who appeared, or was

12 personally served with legal notice to appear, in the action or suit,
13 wherein the said judgment or decree was rendered or passed; but
14 against a party, who neither appeared, nor was personally served
15 with legal notice to appear, it shall be *prima facie* evidence only:
16 *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall operate to
17 prevent any party from pleading, or giving in evidence, a reversal,
18 release or satisfaction of such judgment or decree, or any other
19 cause of defence in law or equity, accruing after the said judgment
20 or decree.